

REMARKS

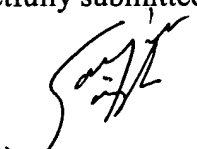
Grouping of claims for the purposes of the Appeal has been amended. Namely, claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 26, 27, and 29 are now grouped with claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12-16, 19, 21-25, 28, and 30 in a single group. The other group includes claims 2, 11 and 20. In this manner, it is believed that the non-compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.92(c) is cured by this new grouping of claims for the purposes of the Appeal.

In view of these remarks, the Examiner's prompt action in accordance with the Appeal Brief is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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